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THE "Y" SOCIAL.

The Y. W. & Y.M.C.A. Social evening was held on
Saturday December 2nd. Both Clarence & Clarissa ex-
pected to be present according to the advertisements, and
the prospect of meeting those famous writers with the added
attraction of music, games and refreshments, drew a large
crowd of students to the Lounge.

Mr. Race took command at 8.30; Mr. Bradley presided
at the piano; Miss Russell received hearty applause for her
solos; Mr. Vango operated successfully on his "Strad"; and
from the encouragement Mr. D. M. Thompson received in
the middle of his encore it was evident that the crowd had
come to enjoy itself.

Mr. Morecombe took the floor at this stage and, as he
said, divided every one into five groups with about twenty-
five members in each. No one seemed seriously inconven-
ienced, and all applied themselves to the games and stunts
suggested by the group leaders. From the general commo-
tion and the bursts of laughter as some man did his best to
imitate more or less naturally the call of the mule, or a lady,
with her fingers wildly waving in place of ears, induced some
one else to follow her example, we believed that the crowd
was enjoying itself.

After groups had been changed five times and every-
body had met everybody else, Mr. Caldwell, on behalf of
Clarence' (who, he said, at the last moment found himself
unable to be present) offered a mysterious sealed prize, to
the group composing and singing the best verse and chorus
on 'Hash', to the tune of 'Marching thro' Georgia'. Spirited
attempts were made at verse and song and the Judges had
a great deal of trouble in deciding the winners. The Judges
were experts too—Miss Misener from the Poetic standpoint
—Miss Russell the Dietetic qualities (what are the dietetical
elegancies of Hash?) Dr. Sheldon the Calorific and Mr.
Race the metric. Mr. Colter's group bore off the precious
package, which on being opened proved to be a large pie.
We are unable to say if it was devoured on the spot —
we imagine it was, for coffee and sandwiches and other
refreshments made their appearance about that time, and
no one saw the pie afterwards. The evening closed, for the
majority with: 'God Save the King' — for those who
missed the last car it finished some time later and
they had a chance to tell each other that at any rate their
part of the crowd really had enjoyed itself.

We append the winning verses: —

Hash! It is our specialty
At morning night and noon,
We eat it with a knife and fork.
And eat it with a spoon.
For intellectual nourishment they say it is a boon,
As we go toiling through Varsity

CHORUS

Hash! Oh Hash! Hurrah! Hurrah!
Hash! Oh Hash! We love it cooked or raw
When we reach the portals we will ease our aching jaw
From the hash we ate at Varsity

The Strathcona Hospital, where the Medical Students
have held a free clinic and used for demonstration purposes
by them for some years now, has been turned over to the
Militia as a hospital for bed cases to accomodate the returned
soldiers. The senior nurses have been retained, but the
others are transferred to the different hospitals in the city;
while the meds. are carrying on as usual at the Royal Alex-
andria Hospital on the North Side.

ALBERTA COLLEGE

The Year of Graduation.

A freshman soon learns to despise the common place. Through the restraint which his position as a freshman imposes upon him there are yet to be seen faint indications of the tremendous revolutions in thought that are gathering. By the time he is a senior (perhaps it may be rather risky to write in this way) he may have reached the conclusion that he is now on the verge of creating revolutions in the world. In justice to a freshman it may be admitted that the only difference between his varsity and that of a senior is that in one case there is a moderate fear of attracting too much attention while in the other case there is an immoderate hope of attracting immeasurable attention. In the one case the University bounds the horizon, and, incidentally, puts the slight halt in his step; in the other case the horizon is illimitable, and the firmness and swiftness of the step are becoming more and more accentuated. It is indeed a great day when the call of welcome to the University is

heard with enthusiasm; it is inevitably a greater day when the valedictory address is eagerly anticipated and the opportunity of proving the benefits of University life is about to be grasped.

The year of graduation brings many curious thoughts and feelings to a student. He loves to think of his Alma mater, yet he loves still more to think of the work for which he has been preparing under her genial and inspiring influence. Many ties hold him to the scene of his undergraduate days, yet he believes that those ties will become stronger and more sacred when they have been drawn around the lives of alumni and steeped in the variegated life of the Province and the Dominion. A restlessness possesses him which may be described by a quotation from Carlyle "The painfulest feeling is that of your own Feebleness; ever as the English Milton says, to be weak is the true misery. And yet of your strength there is and can be no clear feeling save by what you have prospered in, by what you have done." Wm. Forshaw.

ROBERTSON COLLEGE

Ian MacLaren in his "Cure of Souls" tells of some congregations who, in the kindness of their hearts, sent their ministers to the Holy Land, and who would now cheerfully pay many times the cost if they could only obliterate the journey from the memory of the good man, and rescue the Scripture narratives from his illustrative anecdotes.

We are in somewhat the same predicament. Our worthy president has been working so slavishly at his studies, early and late sparing never a moment from his books that we feared either a nervous collapse or an attack of brain fever. Opportunately the "Choral and Social Reform" Convention was being held in Calgary and we thought that this would be a good chance to wean him from his beloved work for a season. So, very magnanimously, we slipped him a substantial cheque; packed his valise; and bundled him into the train. We then settled down to enjoy that peace of mind which comes from the knowledge of having done a good turn to some undeserving object.

For the better part of a week we lived in a fool's paradise. What peaceful hours we did enjoy!! But alas! K—rr returned and our self congratulations and equanimity received their destined shock. From the moment he entered the door we could perceive something strange in his

manner. He seemed to be intoxicated with Calgary and Social Reform, and he has not yet sobered up. Now K—rr is one of the most reticent of men. He is a man of few words and his voice is seldom heard in company. Yet for the past week he has monopolized the conversation at the table talking about his experiences and if perchance some irrelevant remark was made which threatened to change the conversation, he with a very judicious, "Oh yes! that reminds me of something that happened when I was in Calgary" turned the discussion into its proper channel.

For the past week we have had inflicted upon us about half-a-dozen of what he calls "reports" but what are really lectures and the series seems interminable. The latest rumour has it that he intends prescribing an essay of twenty-five pages, the first prize for which will be a supper at the Empire Café and the second prize a visit to Charlie Chaplin at the "Bijou". Someone has even said that he intends setting a paper on his "reports" but this seems scarcely credible. Still there is no saying what some "beggars" will do when they are mounted on horseback, and since K—rr has been appointed Professor of English Grammar his head has been swelling perceptibly.

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GATEWAIL

Two more contests have passed into the limbo of forgotten things as we go to press and a third will have joined them by the time this great moral journal appears on the streets. On the first inst. our braves met Scona High on the Alberta College floor and what the meds. call a proper killing "resulted, Varsity being returned in cheers by 92-4. The game was more of a shooting practise than anything else as the inexperience of the High boys and the smallness of the playing area made it possible for our sharpshooters to bag the pellet from almost any position.

On the following Monday evening the same aggregation with our guests on the old home grounds and owing to the unavoidable absence of several of the seniors the junior aggregation consisting of Hood, McLennan, McKinney, Cooper and Caldwell were lined up against them. A much evenner game than the preceding one resulted but the increased size of the floor and the disparity in height of the two fives proved the undoing of the south siders. The final result was 61-6 and just about represents the play as both sides missed innumerable chances when right under the basket. This was particularly noticeable in the case of the Varsity boys and if the juniors hope to enter the league at the new year they must learn to make their chances count. Naturally, the opposing team, never having been on our floor before, found the basket a trifle hard to locate but that does not excuse the home brews. Apart from their shooting the Varsity boys showed promising form and with a little practice should become a very fair aggregation. Hood and McKinney displayed some very nice work on the line while McLennan at centre had a soft time of it being in chestaller and hours faster than his check. Cooper at guard uncorked flashes of speed that promise well for the future and held his man down in good style. As a whole the contest lacked the good old pep which only keen competition can bring out but

served very well to give a line on the reserve forces.

In accordance with our pledge as announced by the Athletic editor, at the "Why Social"? on Saturday last we present below the worst of the immortal odesto hash composed at that session:

"Oh Clarence dear just bring the hash
We'll chew it once again.
It's the same old stuff we used there,
When we were residents.
The stuff was here, the stuff was there,
The stuff was anywhere.
While we were going to Varsity.
Hurrah! hurrah! we'll have some hash again.
Hurrah! hurrah! we'll make a dash again.
For the dish that holds the stuff was plenty big enough,
While we were going to 'Varsity'.

While pondering over the fact that the above poems were followed by the appearance of the mysterious compound at frequent intervals, we wondered what would have happened if the subject had been pâté de foie gras or tripe and onions or some other equally succulent and nutritious dish.

Toronto.

The Students Administrative Council of the University of Toronto is appealing in a definite way to those students who for one reason or another are still in mufti so to conduct themselves as not only to do honor to their fellows who are representing them in the great war, but so as to bring no shadow of dishonor or disrepute to the University or to the great body of alumni who are doing their duty so nobly in this crisis.

A Freshman woman at the University of Washington recently swam across Puget Pound on a wager of a 10lb box of candy.

The Faculty of Lafayette College recently passed a resolution adopting the use of simplified spelling. The new spelling will be used in all the College publications.

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Y. M. C. A.

The event of the week was the "Y" Social evening. The Y.W. and the Y.M.C.A. amalgamated for the occasion and invited all the students of the University. A special report appears in another column.

At the Sunday Service on December 3 Dr Millar of Robertson College was the speaker and Mrs Bowerman the soloist. For December 10 Dr. Hogge Professor of Physics at the University of Saskatchewan is the preacher, and Miss Florence McKay the soloist; the following Sunday, December 17, the Christmas service will be held and Dr Tory will speak. Special music anthems and solos.



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EDITORIALS.

At a recent parade of the C.O.T.C., Dr. Tory, President of the Military Committee, read a letter to the men from the Naval Recruiting Committee of Alberta, regarding the opportunity now open for men to enlist in the Canadian Forces and serve in the British Navy. As usual, President Tory, after explaining the matter, left it with the students each to decide for himself, whether he should enlist and in what unit. He mentioned that it is expected that each Western University will recruit two platoons next March, as reinforcements for the 196th, and that any student deciding to enlist would do well to consider the advantages and claims of this Battalion.

A few words about our C.O.T.C. may not be amiss these days when military matters are so much discussed. It is surprising to find in the University some who are in ignorance as to the status of the C.O.T.C. for only last week did we hear of a student taking physical drill who looked upon the signature of his equipment card as equivalent to the signature of a service roll.

The C.O.T.C. is, as its name suggests, a corps organized to provide officers for the Active Militia from among college men. Many students also find the military training gained of educational value aside from its possible use in the future and now this University recognises the value of the Officers' Course, giving credit for it in the year's work. An opportunity is thus provided also for all students wishing to satisfy physical education requirements to do so by attendance at the regular C.O.T.C. parades.

As to signing the C.O.T.C. roll, all doing so thereby become members of the senior unit of the Active Militia. However, the Officers Training Corps, being under special regulations, cannot be called out for active service as a unit. But should the Dominion Government deem it necessary to bring into operation during this crisis, the Militia Act, its members like all other male citizens of Canada of military age would at once become liable for service. So it is well for every man to get as much military training as he can. Alberta has done much for the Empire in this great war; much yet remains to be done. We are proud of those who have gone from our midst to fight for freedom; more will follow, but all cannot go. In these serious times therefore it is imperative that those whom duty calls to remain at home must fulfill their duty to home and country to the fullest measure.

Come Ye Hungry and Thirsty Ones to the Lounge on Tuesday, December 12th, from 4 to 6.

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Who said that the Medical Students had expired. 'Tis true indeed that weird and woeful, sounds may be heard emanating from yonder smoke house but these we may say are not the characteristic tuneful vibrations of our departed colleagues, but rather the transformations of energy to warm our contemporaries in Arts and agriculture. For we learn that they too are subjected to the chills of the season.

This is the fourth session of Medicine at the U. of A. and the first class have gone forth to McGill Toronto and the front. Judging from recent accounts of their progress they are all doing well. We wish them good luck. However in this regard we would only say that there has been a tendency for some luminaries to knock. Fortunately as years roll on our facilities are being greatly improved, and their objectionable feature will doubtless disappear.

The more highly organized the individual, the more keenly he feels pain. Perhaps that is why our University can exist without a Hospital. In these days one can look for anything, for there is nothing new under the sun so 't's said, but imagine if you can an astrologist without a telescope and then alas a medical student without a hospital.

It has been said. That he who stands at the door and knocks will have the door opened?

Moral. Boast no mather how painful!

We have heard it said lately. That Medicine makes a man self centred. We have been wondering ever since if the progenitor of this idea ever made the acquaintance of Mag. Sulph.

One of the saddent burial services ever solemnized was held the other day from the undertaking emporium of Dr. T—M when our dear friend the Scona Hospital was laid to rest. Tears flowed so copiously that the janitor had to mop the floor three times, in an hour. A large number were present at the last rites. But the chief Mourners were Drs B.—K.—S. and B.—w—S.

Cheer up absence make the hart grow fonder.

Hope is still entertained by the 2nd year students that the Frogology laboratory may be converted into a munition factory.

The loss of the hospital reminds us of a verse in the National Anthem.

Confound their politics.

Our humorist is absent over the week end visiting Bob Edwards in Calgary but the current weeks edition de luxe of funny stories may be had by any enterprising youth by calling at the office of Dr. H.—L.L. between the hours of 12.30 p.m. and 6.37 a.m.

Every class cannot boast of a car but Empay has a F-o-r-d. Mr V-a-n-g-o to 3rd year class.

ME and Dr Revell are going to hold a P.M. and we would like your Co-op-e-ration.

Miss M—N—Y, in physiology lab. There goes my frog, the little dear?

Mr. Ananias H—yw—rd, to Barber who is shaving him "I got bitten to day with a dog while I was demonstrating to the medical students at the U. of A."

The barber. Do Tell?

What kind of a dog was it?

Time is pressing and exams are approaching so with brevity the soul of longevity we will continue to edit this column until we get a blue letter from the management.

EXCHANGE

McGill.

In a recent Editorial the Editor of McGill Daily advocates a drastic change in the present lecture system of most Universities. He is of the opinion that the present system is far from the best: "Students rush into lectures, scribble down notes without really understanding what the professor is saying, and rush out again". The editor of the Daily claims that the average student derives little benefit from the average lecture. He continues, "We expect educationalists to calmly say. "But that is your fault. If students don't work, are you going to blame us?" Without probing into any, "Am I my brother's keeper" questions, we reply that we think the educa-

tionalists are to blame. It is their duty to teach the pupils, and to afford them the best possible facilities for learning the work prescribed in the curriculum." The Daily suggests that the main headings and ideas in the various lectures should be published in pamphlet form with ample space between the various notes for the student to fill in with his own observations. In this way the student could follow the lecture more closely, and not lose any inspiration that there might be in a lecture by being compelled to scribble out a mass of hurried dictation, most of which he is unable to decipher a few days after.

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SERVICE NEWS LETTER.

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also that W. S. McDonald had fainted at the Bn. review by His Royal Highness at Sarcee and had been left behind in hospital at Sarcee when the unit left for overseas. For both of the above items I am indebted to the University barber, who was in the 194th all summer, but as to their accuracy I cannot vouch. In fact I should appreciate very much some first-hand news of the 194th and 202nd, each of which contains a number of University of Alberta men. Reports to hand indicate that Lieut. McNally of the 50th was wounded in the jaw, but not seriously. His appearance in the casualty list has already been noted in these columns. Corp. W. G. Soltau (Law) who went over with 4th University Co. and has been on the 2nd Army Intelligence Staff, has been granted a commission as Lieut. and is attached to the General Staff of the Canadian Corps Headquarters with the B.E.F.

Letters arrived this morning from Sergt. J. E. Jaffary, T. Musto, and Mr. Lang, to whom I wrote enquiring re the report that his son was "missing."

I was pleased to receive definite news to date of the 196th. As already announced, when they landed they were immediately distributed to other battalions in the draft camp at South Seaforth. However, as a result of active work by their energetic colonel they were given a trial review and made such a good showing that they were granted the privilege of remaining together under their own organization, and have hopes of having definite Battalion lines assigned to them soon and so be able to take up battalion life not only in drill but in all its details. The expectation seems to be that they will not go to the front as a unit but will be held together for training under their own offi-

cers and that a large number of them will be distributed finally to other units in commissioned and N.C.O. capacities. They are located beside the P.P.C.L.I. draft depot and so look forward to seeing our men with that unit as they pass through. Jaffary had seen Van Petten, who is with the 175th and Glanville, who reported himself as o.k. and likely to leave for the front again at any time. I trust the 196th representatives will continue their correspondence with the News Letter. I expect to be able to arrange for individual copies of the News Letter after this issue so that it will follow you on your absences from the Bn. when you go to take special courses or are drafted to other units.

I am pleased to acknowledge a long chatty letter from T. Musto of the 9th F. Amb. They were at the time of writing away from the scene of greatest activity. Karl Murray passed through their unit but was unconscious. Corp. J. R. Thompson also died of wounds in their dressing station. C. S. Pinder and J. E. Ball of Alberta College, were also wounded. G. H. Clark (Arts '18) of the P.P.C.L.I. was wounded after they left the Somme and is at present in England. Musto speaks of having seen Reg. Henry, C. Carswell, C. B. Wilson and J. Bainbridge, and reports that they were all well. F. T. Cook's number is 530684 and he is in the 9th F. Amb. and A. V. Houghton is No. 530066 and he is in the 8th F. Amb.

ROBERTSON COLLEGE.

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We understand that M—h—n and D—v—s are making strenuous efforts to secure the above mentioned prizes, and they certainly seem to have something up their sleeves. However we hope to give the official results next week.

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Edited by W. Muir Edwards.

Letters this week are from relatives of Pte. J. A. Gordon and Karl F. Murray, also a note from Mrs. Beecroft enclosing a copy of a letter received from overseas, a summary of which is given herewith; also letters from J. A. Carswell, W. D. Moyle and post card from L. B. Brown.

The following are the facts so far as known regarding Lieut. H. T. Beecroft. On the morning of October 9th Beecroft, who was Machine Gun officer with the Brigade of which the Pats and the 49th form a part, took two guns away to the left of the Canadian frontage to enfilade the German trenches which the Brigade was about to attack. He was at least 400 yards to the left of the Canadian position and in front of an Imperial Battalion of the Lancashires. The last seen of him was when he left the dug-out to inspect the guns which had been placed in shell holes in No Man's Land. As soon as the Germans experienced the fire of the machine guns they began to search for them with fierce artillery shelling. When Beecroft arrived, several men had become casualties and he volunteered to serve as No. 2 on the gun. While he was working in that capacity a shell made a hit killing No. 1 but Beecroft was not found beside him; it is possible he was wounded but able to crawl away before giving in. The only hope that exists as to his finally turning up is that in the first place the Germans did not overrun the ground and in the second place the stretcher bearers of the Imperial force behind the gun position reported that they had found a Canadian officer wounded and delirious in their trench and that they had taken him out. Enquiries by his company have so far however, elicited no further information, but as the rush of wounded at that time was very heavy there is just the chance that he may yet turn up o. k. Judging by the letters I have on file I think that it is quite fair to say that no officer from the University has made a bigger success of his work in the army than has "Heinie" and not only at the front but amongst all here who knew him there will be many heartfelt wishes that he may yet be spared to "carry on" in the great work of nation building which will confront Canada after the war.

Lieut. William Elgin James (Sci '18) who enlisted with the 63rd and was later transferred to the 5th Bn. in France, has been awarded the British Mil-

tary Cross for conspicuous bravery in the field. The official statement is "He constructed an advanced strong post under very heavy fire and although wounded continued working." On Sept. 23rd he was wounded in the cheek, temple and left arm with shrapnel and his left ear drum is destroyed. As already noted he is in Lady Cooper's Hospital, Hursley Park, Winchester, Eng. Pte. J. W. Lang (Arts '15) who was reported "missing" is not missing. He was wounded on Sept. 25th when they were making an attack on a German trench at the Somme, a piece of shrapnel going through his left lung. The distance across was about 800 yards and he was hit after going 200 yds and fell and lay in a shell hole. He finally succeeded in getting back to his own trench and is at present in Southmead Hospital, Bristol, Eng.

A. G. Lea, who was a student at Alberta College and a special student at the University, has enlisted in the C.A.M.C. Depot No. 13, Calgary, Corp. J. A. Carswell (Sci. '16) who enlisted with the first group who left here for the Pats and who was injured during a bombardment, by a trench collapsing on him, is home in Red Deer on leave. He came back to take a commission in the 187th O. B. which left for England the day before he arrived. We at the University are looking forward to a visit from him in the very near future. Wm. Moyle, who joined the same unit as Carswell, writes from 72 Avenue Road, Toronto, Ont. "Two weeks ago I spent the weekend in Montreal with Roy Stevens. He is looking better than ever and enjoying his work, though he says that an officer's job is making him lazy after that of a non-com. Nevertheless the 6th Universities Company are a fine looking bunch of soldiers and very well drilled." Moyle is with Darling & Pearson, Architects of Toronto, but expects to go to the Boston Tech. in February. L. B. Brown of the 187th, writes under date of the 30th en route for the Atlantic seaboard. He reports a fine railway trip with no mishaps. The best he could do in Montreal was to get Stevens on the other end of a telephone.

The latest word in from the 196th is that Lieut. Wood has gone to France, that the Bn was reviewed and made such a good showing that it is once more together, but that is as far as the news to hand goes. We are awaiting the next mail with interest. I heard today that Lieut. Teviotdale of the 194th had been made a Captain just before that unit left for the old country

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University of Alberta
Edmonton South.

December 7th, 1916.

To the Men of the University of Alberta enlisted in Overseas Service, wherever this letter may find you, Greeting.

Just recently the genial and quite irresistible Editor of the News letter "blew in" to Room 252 Arts for one of his all too infrequent visits, and departed presently there from with my promise to write a sort of preface—a postscript—to the present week's letter. I understood at the time it was to be privately mimeographed and distributed with equal privacy, no limit being set on my rich and varied vocabulary (of Sarcee), but I now learn with some indignation that I must face the publicity of print in the chaste columns of the "Gateway",—pass the censor, so to speak. And "Just write," saith the Editor, "naturally, as if, for example, you were writing to Reinhorn!" So if any of you don't like this and see Reinhorn, kindly settle with him direct.

I thought you might enjoy a note or two about the O.T.C. as much as anything; the professional always finds the amateur rather amusing, you know. Well, we have a regular company organization, with a senior and a junior captain, four lieutenants, a C.S.M. (Chief Thunder-Voice Emery), a C.Q.M.S. who has been long engaged in unknotting the puttees bequeathed him by the 196th "Wubs", and four sergeants, with of course "corps" and the promise of some "l. corps" as the lamp of military knowledge swells. The company strength is about 120; the company weakness is not for publication. Actually enrolled militia men of the C.O. T.C. number 52, and the training class comprises about 30 members. The lectures in the latter are being carried by Capt. Kilam, Messrs. Burt and Sheldon and myself; later the General is sending us a man for five subjects which our modesty forbids our handling. The lecturers derive great amusement—much more than their hearers—from retailing Sarcee jests of infinite staleness. Mr. Burt has one good one however in Inferior Economy. "What is the last duty of the Batman to the Regimental Goat?"

Ans.—"To tether him to the Last Post". (Shades of Otter!). The writer of this screed records with malicious pleasure that he asked "Casey" Colter whether the barbed-wire fence around a water-pool was to keep the flies off. "Casey" opined that there

was some deeper strategy involved. The Adjutant not only drops in at classes but down at them too, and at least on one occasion caused Mr. Burt to roar "Silence!"

Then there's the parade ground work with the inspiring old jest about "on the left forming lump", and the one recently imported by the O.C. from Roy Stevens about "turning to your other left", and Mr. Sheldon's explanation to No. 4 that gum-chewing (ruminatio academica sive vulgaris) was not "comme il faut." Thus do we honor the Entente.

"Physical jerks" is carried out every day "according to the syllabus". Age and infirmity weigh heavily of course upon the U. of A. Co. C.O.T.C., so we cannot hope to achieve very much; still one must do what he can to soften the declining years of the members of the company. "Feet outward place" and "feet full open". "left leg bend" and "left leg stretch", on the hands down" (oh, curses!) and "on the feet up" (paradise regained!) have become familiar phrases of college life. Several Mute inglorious Sandons have been discovered.

We have had two manœuvre days as well, one devoted to Advance Guard, Rear Guard, and Outpost work, the other to the strategy and formations of Attack. This mimic warfare clears up many a point that seems dull in F.S.R. or I.T. and incidentally has proved the most amusing side of our training. A.D. MacGillivray as the "Human Haystack" is the prince of spies, and "Casey" Colter leading his scouts along a beautiful sky-line visible for miles is the superman of strategy.

Now there's lot else that could be written, but you know I wouldn't write any more than this to Reinhorn, so I'll just obey orders. What there is, isn't very funny but if it should bring you even one laugh in your arduous duty, I should be glad to send that for my Christmas greeting. The brethren of the "Kumpany" (see recent issue of "Gateway") join me in "saluting" you "judging the time, salute".

Very sincerely yours

Signed

William Hardy Alexander
O.C. U. of A. Co. C.O.T.C.